

In the Claims

Please cancel the pending claims 14-17 and 19-21 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Summary Of The Office Action

The Examiner acknowledges the amendments to Claims 14-17 and 19-21, the cancellation of Claims 1-13, 18 and 22, and the addition of new Claims 23-30 filed by applicants on June 12, 2002.

Claims 23-30 are allowed.

Claims 14-17, 19-21 are rejected.

Interview Summary

Applicants and the undersigned attorney thank the Examiner for the personal interviews on April 25, 2003 and May 14, 2003.

The Examiner agreed on May 14, 2003 that he will issue a Notice of Allowance allowing Claims 23-30 after the remaining pending claims 14-17 and 19-21 are cancelled.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.